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In re the Application of: MAKINO, Masahiro

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October 10, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 27, 2007**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.